

LOCAL NEWS.

For a good marchman, go to H. Meyers', if Century Tobacco at cost, at H. Meyers'. If W. E. Garrett's celebrated Scotch Snuff can be bought at \$15.00 per box, at H. Meyers'.

Now is the time, until January the first, to buy your smoking tobacco at half price, at H. Meyers'.

Charley Arter is out in Missouri on a hog-hunt. As he took the right kind of ammunition it is probable he will return with all the game he wants.

A committee, appointed by the City Council, are now engaged in a canvass of the financial situation of our city. The composition of this committee is such as to give us hope that their labors will readily accomplish the end so much and so generally desired.

Sheriff Myers has entered upon the duties of his office as constable of Alexander county. His bond, in the sum of \$164,000, contains the names of a number of the leading property holders of the city. He has no city deputy, and only one in the country, Mr. Green Massey. Mr. Dick Fitzgerald is, very properly, continued as jailer.

Young Mr. Bonner, lately employed in the Express office, died in this city, at the residence of W. F. Pitcher, yesterday morning. He died of a bronchial ailment, of several weeks duration. His remains were conveyed to Villa Ridge for burial.

He was a young gentleman of exemplary habits, commanding the respect of every one who enjoyed his acquaintance.

On Christmas Eve there will no doubt be a gay and festive crowd at Scheel's Hall to participate in the holiday ball then and there to be given. Music of the best kind, good prompts, good behavior, and the strict exclusion of all improper characters, will insure the affair success. The invitation to come is extended to all. Admission \$1.00.

The Rev. Dr. Dodge, of the Baptist church, is delivering a series of lectures on the works of Nature and their relation to man, in the church building, corner of Washington avenue and Eighteenth street. The second lecture will be delivered next Friday evening. The Doctor is abundantly competent to handle the subject in hand intelligently, and to good purpose. Turn out and hear him.

Gayer & Waldsmith, Stall No. 10 City Market, mindful of the wants of the public, have, at great expense, procured two show heaves from Missouri pastures, and two magnificent sheep from Louisville, which they will serve to customers Christmas morning. Fine cattle were never slaughtered in Cairo, as everybody will attest who sees them. Competition is defied! Come one and all and see what a luxury may be found in meats.

On Tuesday, the 5th day of January, the material and fixtures of the Cairo Democrat office, embracing a large English and German newspaper office, a large and well supplied English and German job office, all complete and in good order, will be sold at Trustee's sale to the highest bidder. Persons wishing to embark in the printing business, or persons already in that honorable calling wishing to enlarge their offices, are now furnished a rare opportunity to gratify their wishes. Sale positive, and terms, cash.

GOOD! BETTER!! BEST!!!—CIGARS FOR THE MILLION!—I would call the special attention of dealers in general to my large and well selected stock. It embraces the finest brands the country can produce.

Having been practically connected with the trade for over fifteen years, it is not assuming too much to say that I can furnish the refined smoker with a cigar that can scarcely be equalled in delicacy of flavor by any imported articles to be found anywhere in the country.

CAPT. W. M. WILLIAMS.—This gentleman will, we understand, carry forward the business commenced in our city by his uncle, now deceased, Capt. Abe Williams. While we deeply regret the cause of his coming, we bid him an earnest welcome. In years gone by he was of us, and known as an active, enterprising, affable gentleman. The interests of the deceased Captain and the business in hand could not have been confided to better, safer, or more thorough-going hands. Welcome, Billy, a double welcome home again.

For your Christmas goods go to L. Blum's 122 Commercial avenue, where you can buy 25 per cent. less than anywhere else in the city. They have on hand a nice assortment of dress goods, such as Poplins, Merinos, Knappes Cloths, Turin Cloths, black and colored Alpaca, etc., Shawls, Cloaks and fancy goods, embroidered and lace Handkerchiefs and Collars, Alexandrian Kids, Little Thread Gloves and fine Workboxes. They have also an elegant assortment of Ladies and Children's Furs which will be sold remarkably cheap.

Nowhere, better than from the magnificent stock of silver-plated ware, watches, jewelry, etc., to be found at Taber Brothers, Ohio Levee, can elegant, useful and pleasing holiday presents be procured. Intending to close up the department assigned to silver-plated ware, they hold out almost irresistible inducements in that line. On Christmas Eve, at the auction room of Dan Hartman, their entire stock of this character of goods will be disposed of at auction, thus affording the citizens of Cairo an unparalleled opportunity to secure anything legitimate to such a line of goods.

The beautiful and attractive stock of holiday goods on show at W. B. Rockwell & Co's, is attracting the attention and admiration of everybody. The ladies and gentlemen, and persons of smaller growth, thronging their well-filled establishment, furnish conclusive evidence that in their selections of jewel cases, work-boxes, writing-desks, watch-stands, card-cases, albums, richly bound books, and the thousand articles calculated to fascinate the individual of taste, they have been happily successful. The beauty, cheap-

ness and appropriateness of their goods is insuring immense sales. Call there and examine the goods. That you will fail to find the very article you want, we can scarcely place among the possibilities.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.

Its Taxable Property and Revenues.

The Collector's book for 1868 has been completed and delivered into the hands of the Sheriff, Mr. L. H. Myers. From the footings thereof, kindly furnished us by our very accommodating County Clerk, Jacob G. Lynch, Esq., we produce the following figures, which, no doubt, will prove of interest alike to the tax-payers of the county and all others concerned in the substantial prosperity of Cairo.

The taxable property in the county is valued at \$2,136,338. Of this amount \$679,608 is personal property; \$248,415 lands, and the balance, \$2,108,615, town lots.

In the city of Cairo the levy equals \$2.48 to the \$100; throughout the country portions of the county it will exceed \$3.00, because of heavy school taxes. Unity, Santa Fe and Thebes, for instance, pay a school tax of three per cent. Cairo pays one half of one per cent.

THE REVENUE.

For State purposes, amounts to.....	\$22,932.25
For County purposes.....	12,990.94
For School purposes.....	7,412.12
For Special purposes.....	15,024.62
For School purposes.....	18,417.92
Forfeited taxes, from 1867.....	1,750.45
Total amount of Tax Book.....	\$69,528.28

This sum falls many thousand dollars short of the levy for last year, because, in the first place, the per centum of assessment is less, and because, secondly, of a lower valuation of the taxable property.

The city of Cairo pays nearly four-fifths of the entire amount of the taxes levied—its realty being valued at about \$2,100,000, and the personal effects at about \$600,000.

The town of Thebes, with a school tax of \$3.00 on the \$100, pays a tax of less than \$400; the town of Santa Fe, with the same school tax, pays \$60.00, and the town of Unity—once the county seat—with an equally burdensome school tax, pays four dollars and eight cents!—many of the choice corner lots in that village being valued at twenty-five cents!

The levy of the present year will wipe out the Court House tax, and should there be that prudent and judicious management of county affairs which we have occasion to hope for, the taxes for 1869 will be otherwise materially lessened. God send it, for this people has been grievously burdened with taxes of late years.

SHOOTING SCAPE.

A Man Instantly Killed.

A murder, cold, unprovoked and fiendish in its nature, occurred in this city, on Saturday evening last, in the cellar of an eating house, kept at 92 Ohio Levee. A colored man named William Nelson, just off the river, called at the place indicated and purchased ten cents worth of bread, for which he settled with a white man who was present acting as keeper of the house or help. Shortly afterwards, copping some eatables on the end of the counter, he partook of a quantity worth fifteen cents. At this juncture the negro cook of the establishment, whose name is Henry Gay, approached Nelson and demanded pay for the demolished eatables. Nelson replied that he intended to pay, but would pay "the white gentleman." Hereat Gay took umbrage and declared that if he did not pay him, then and there, he would be sorry for it. This Nelson declined to do, protesting at the time he would pay the white man. Without further parley or provocation Gay opened a drawer, gathered therefrom a loaded pistol, took deadly aim and sent a bullet crashing through Nelson's brain.

The occurrence coming to the knowledge of Coroner Corcoran, he immediately summoned a jury of inquest, who returned a verdict in accordance with the facts, as above detailed.

Marshal Hogan took Gay under arrest and conveyed him to jail, where he awaits the disposition of a competent court.

The body of the deceased negro was interred, at the expense of the county, the only effects found upon it being a ten cent piece which was clutched in the hand—no doubt a part of the fifteen cents, the withholding of which cost him his life.

DEATH OF CAPT. ABRAHAM WILLIAMS.

We avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity afforded us to record the death of that noble man and highly esteemed citizen, Capt. Abraham Williams. He died on Sunday, the 6th instant, on board the steamer Mollie Able, near Bayou Sara, La., of a complication of diseases from which he had long been suffering, more or less intensely. His body, brought hither in charge of his nephew, W. M. Williams, was despatched to Covington, Ky., where it now reposes beside the ashes of his honored mother.

Very recently Capt. Williams embarked in a manufacturing enterprise in this city, upon which he built high hopes of success, and which, under his intelligent direction, would no doubt have answered his most sanguine expectations. We refer to the erection of a costly distillery into which he had incorporated much improved and patented appliances as promised to insure the ends at which he aimed, beyond any peradventure.

Among the earliest settlers of Cairo, (under its present auspices), Capt. Williams entertained an abiding faith that the place was destined for one of the leading commercial marts of the American continent, and in testimony of the sincerity of that faith he never relinquished his foothold therein, or for a moment despaired of the future, however discouraging the aspects of the present.

Few men had more friends or more sincere ones than Capt. Williams. His was a noble heart—generous, yielding to the softest touch of sympathy, full of good will for his fellow men, and nurturing no bitterness for his enemies. We have known few such men; few such, therefore, have we mourned. Great heart, farewell forever!

The work on the Mississippi bridge at St. Louis has been resumed and will be vigorously prosecuted.

FIRE ALMOST—THIEVES ABOUT.

At the hour of midnight, last night, the cry of fire was raised in the vicinity of the marketplace. Flashes were soon discovered shooting up from a chicken-coop, on the rear of the lot at the corner of Tenth and Washington avenue. Some scoundrel, utterly reckless of the terrible consequences likely to ensue, had thrown or deposited a large cotton ball, saturated with kerosine, into the aforesaid outbuilding, and the destructive missile was doing its work when discovered and extinguished.

The theory we have respecting this affair is that some thief or thieves desirous of plying their infamous calling, pursued this course that the neighbors might be drawn from their houses and an oversight of their moneys and valuables. Fortunately the purpose failed.

Two suspicious characters, loitering in the neighborhood, were taken in charge, but as they could not be connected with the attempted incendiarism, they were turned loose.

WHO WANTS A SITUATION?

We shall set aside space in a prominent part of the "Bulletin" for a department of "Wants," wherein a "Want Advertisement" of two lines, will be inserted one time for the trifling sum of fifteen cents and the same amount for each subsequent insertion.

This arrangement places it within the reach of the poorest laborer or house-girl to make known his or her wants to every reading person, man, woman and child, in the city.

Be it remembered, then, that fifteen cents will pay for an advertisement in the "Bulletin" that will be read by everybody, and that will secure situations for the laborer, the mechanic, the book-keeper, the cook, the chambermaid, the waiter, the hostler—employment, in short for those of every named trade or calling.

"Rooms for Rent," "Houses Wanted," "Lands and Lots for Sale or Lease"—the thousand wants of the community, that can be expressed in two lines, will be made known through the Bulletin for fifteen cents! Come on with your advertisements.

A TWO-HORSE TEAM KILLED—AN UNFORTUNATE MAN.

A two-horse team, owned by Mr. Louis Jaccard, and engaged on the C. & V. R. R. between this city and Cache river, were crushed and killed one day last week, by the fall of a tree. The choppers did not observe the proximity of the team until it was too late to rescue them. The tree fell directly across the backs of the poor animals and bore them to the ground, a shapeless, quivering mass. Mr. Jaccard is a poor, hardworking man, upon whom the loss will tell heavily. But misfortunes have crowded upon him so thick, of late years, it is possible that he regards the bequest as "a matter of course." Not very long ago his dwelling house, uninsured, was destroyed by fire; then came protracted sickness; then a remarkable destruction of stock by lightning. If his heart were not steeled against adversity he certainly would have been overborne.

Who is to blame on account of the loss of his team we are not advised.

THE GERMAN SCHOOL—A HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT.

It has already been made known by posters that the German school will give an entertainment in the Methodist church, on Christmas Eve. The preparations are such as to warrant the conclusion that it will be in every respect worthy of the high repute of that excellent school, and the very gentlemanly and scholarly principal, Mr. Appel. The exercises, scenes and spectacles will be diversified and of a character that will furnish chaste, unique and interesting pleasure and pastime to all, whether German or English. The church will be densely thronged, no doubt, as it should be, because, in the first place, the school deserves the countenance and encouragement of everybody, and because, secondly, the affair will be of a pleasing and delightful kind, when placed squarely on its own merits. We will all go—certainly.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

The second annual exhibition of the Cairo Public Schools will commence on Saturday evening next and conclude on the Monday evening following, at the Atheneum. We are somewhat familiar with the programme provided for both evenings, and can safely assure the friends and patrons of the school that the entertainment will be of a chaste and engaging nature. Mr. Burlington the principal is an adept in such affairs, and, in the exercise of an excellent judgment, has provided an intellectual feast that will be sure to excite very general relish. Few, if any of the presentations of last year will be repeated this, unless it be, in an advanced and greatly improved state, the gymnastic exercises.

Mr. Thomas Emaley, an English gentleman of capital, residing at Leeds, has made a very considerable investment in the stock of the Cairo Gas Company. Almost every day we have increased evidence that far-seeing men have the fullest confidence in the future growth and greatness of Cairo. The country now is under a financial shadow that covers Cairo with the rest; but this dispelled, and the enterprises looking to our advancement completed, nothing can stay the progress of our city towards the high position assigned it by its intelligent friends.

REMOVAL.—Carl L. Thomas, sign and ornamental painter, has removed his paint shop from the Perry House to the hall in the building on the opposite corner, (up stairs.) Give him a call. He is an industrious workman and can please almost anybody. See his advertisement.

TURKEY RAFFLE AT THE CASINO.

Every evening, until Christmas, there will be a turkey raffle at the Casino. Parties desiring a fine, fat holiday fowl, (and who does not?) should drop in and win it. 3c

The Radical Congress proposes to overhaul the State governments of Kentucky and Maryland.

It is rumored that Grant will tender the Secretaryship of War to McClellan. Doubtful.

RIVER NEWS.

Port List for the Twenty-four Hours Ending at Two o'clock, P. M.

ARRIVALS.	
Westingland, N. O.	Submarine, No. 13, Columbus
Lizzie Gill, N. O.	Commonwealth, St. Louis
Armada, Evansville	Mohawk, St. Louis
Argosy, Memphis	Lady Gay, St. Louis
Lady Gay, New Orleans	Virginia, Louisville
DEPARTURES.	
Argosy, Evansville	Submarine No. 13, Columbus
Armada, Evansville	Nashville, Nashville
Tom Farrow, St. Louis	Westmoreland, Cincinnati
Lizzie Gill, St. Louis	Mohawk, Har Island
	Virginia, New Orleans

The weather is as delightful as the most fastidious could possibly desire at this season of the year. It is clear and pleasant, the mercury indicating from 45 to 55 degrees during the past five days, and rarely sinking to the freezing point during the night. Old sailors call such beautiful days, in winter "weather breeders," and we may, therefore, expect weather the very reverse of the present, in a few days.

The Mississippi is clear of ice, and falling, with five feet scant in the channel to St. Louis.

The Ohio is falling at Louisville, with five feet, nine inches in the canal, three feet, nine inches in the chute over the Falls, and two feet, nine inches over the rocks; but it was rising in Pittsburg on Saturday, with seven feet of water in the channel. The rise is out of the Monongahela, and is accompanied by considerable ice. The Kanawha is also rising, and a fair stage of water is expected.

Business is becoming much more lively at our wharf, and we notice large receipts of flour and grain by railroad for reshipment South. Every southern-bound boat, which has room for freight, receives more or less here.

Upward bound boats are in general well laden with cotton or groceries according to the port from where they have cleared. The Memphis boats bring cotton for Cairo, St. Louis, Evansville and Cincinnati, while those from New Orleans bring sugar, molasses and other groceries for the same ports.

The Lizzie Gill discharged 149 hds sugar, 108 bbls molasses, 60 bbls oranges and 49 bbls rice at this port, and has 231 hds sugar, 140 bbls molasses, 431 bars railroad iron for St. Louis.

The Argosy discharged 70 bales cotton here for reshipment East per I. C. R. R. and has 200 do for Evansville, for the same destination.

The Armada had the following freight for Cairo:

Wm. H. Schutter, 20 bbls whisky; Wm. W. Davidson, 24 pkgs hardware; Dr. Arter, 5 pkgs stores; B. S. Harrel 30 pkgs furniture; L. Korsemyer, 2 caddies tobacco; C. Schultz, 117 sacks potatoes. She also brought 50 bales shooting for reshipment to St. Louis, and 12 cattle, 25 bbls whisky, 96 bbls flour, 12 tierces bulk meat, 80 pkgs furniture, 400 pkgs stoves and castings, and a large lot of merchandise for reshipment to Southern ports.

The hull of the United States has been raised by the Underwriter and towed to Cincinnati for repairs. It is probable that she will be rebuilt, as she sunk before the fire reached her hull, and the only damage it has sustained was from the collision with the America. Her machinery is in fair order, and can be easily repaired. It was found that the America struck her only about four feet aft of the stern, and cut through the keelson. This damage can, therefore, be easily repaired. The hull is otherwise in splendid condition, having been built but a short time.

The Era No. 9 and the Era No. 10, belonging to the same company and commanded by two brothers, collided in Red River, December 17th, causing the total loss of the latter. No lives were lost. Both were new boats, recently built at Madison, Ind., for the Red River and N. O. trade. There was no insurance on either boat.

The snag boat Abert, at the request of the citizens of Osceola, Ark., recently removed one of the boilers of the old Telegraph, sunk at that point during the war. The boiler was imbedded in sand at the wharf, and has long been a serious obstruction to steamers landing at that point.

Two barges belonging to the tow of the Mohawk, have been aground for several days at Hat Island, and as the river has been falling rapidly she was unable to pull them off. She therefore came down to this city, this morning, and obtained an empty barge with which to lighten them off, and returned with it at 11 a.m.

The Quickstep is the packet for Evansville and way points to-morrow evening.

The Julia, from Vicksburg to St. Louis, is overdue, but will certainly be here this evening.

The Cairo and Columbus railroad packet, Gen. Anderson, is on the Cairo Dry Docks, undergoing a general and thorough repair. The Submarine No. 13, a very powerful sternwheeler, is running in her place.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

OFFICE CAIRO CITY & M. CO.,
CAIRO, ILL., December 31, 1868.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received until 11 o'clock, a.m., December 26, for the following work on the

Williams Distillery and Grounds:

Two "Receiving Tubs," capacity of about 1200 gallons each, material all furnished.
Laying two floors, 120 feet long by 25 feet wide, in Bonded Warehouse, building platform in front of same, furnishing sash, lights, locks and bolts for the same building. Lumber for the floors and platform will be furnished.

Covering the same with Tin Roof and Guttering.

Building Board Fence around the entire property—timber furnished.

Building one Cattle and one Hog Pen—timber furnished.

Painting and plastering the Chimney on the Engine House.

Plans and Specifications can be seen, and all information obtained, by application to the undersigned. Parties bidding on any of the above work will state the time required to complete the same after commencement, also, terms, &c.

Proposals to be addressed

"Proposals for Work at Williams' Distillery."

P. O. Box, 100. W. M. WILLIAMS, Cairo, Ill.

HINDE'S COLUMN.

CAIRO CITY WHARF BOAT. CAIRO TRANSFER CO. WHARF BOAT.

CHAS. T. HINDE,

FORWARDING AND COMMISSION

AGENT,

CAIRO TRANSFER COMPANY

CAIRO ILLINOIS.

Through Bills of Lading given to all Available Points by Rail or Water.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FORWARDING.

CAIRO AND NEW ORLEANS.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD LINE

THE UNEXPASSED

Passenger Steamers

LADY GAY.....JOHN H. BIRK, Captain

RUTH.....P. E. PEGRAM, Captain

Will leave Cairo for New Orleans on the arrival of the 5 p.m. train, every Saturday.

To secure staterooms and for further information, apply to

CHAS. T. HINDE, Agent, Cairo.

JNO. W. CARROLL, Agent, St. Louis.

J. B. WOODS, Agent, New Orleans.

ATLANTIC AND MISSISSIPPI

STEAMSHIP COMPANY

COMPROMISE LINE STEAMERS

NEW ORLEANS

THE STEAMERS

W. R. ARTHUR.....CARTER, Master.

LADY GAY.....BURK, Master.

RUTH.....PE/GRAM, Master.

PAULINE CARROLL.....WHITE, Master.

PAULINE.....ENTHUS, Master.

LIZZIE GILL.....O'NEIL, Master.

COMMONWEALTH.....CONLY, Master.

OLIVE BRANCH.....GREENOUGH, Master.

CONTINENTAL.....GREENOUGH, Master.

Comprising all the finest and largest boats out of St. Louis.

One of the above line of steamers will leave Cairo for New Orleans every other day, connecting at New Orleans with Ocean Line of Steamers to

Liverpool, New York, Boston, and Galveston, Texas.

Passengers and Shippers can rely on one of these boats leaving Cairo punctually as above. Will pay particular attention to all way freight below Memphis to New Orleans.

CHAS. T. HINDE, General Agent, Cairo.

Office on Wharf Boat, Public Landing.

ED. F. Sisson, Ticket and Passenger Agent.

Office, at St. Charles Hotel.

MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

PACKET COMPANY

LINE OF

STEAMERS.

The following boats compose this line and will be run on the following order:

M. E. FORSYTH.....ZEIGLER, Master.

MAHLE CITY.....KUNSWAY, Master.

CITY OF ALTON.....THOMPSON, Master.

MAHLE HENRI.....CRANE, Master.

CITY OF CAIRO.....MELIN, Master.

Prompt attention will be paid to all business entrusted to the care of these boats.

Freight and Ticket Office in company wharf-boat, in front of City National Bank.

CHAS. T. HINDE, General Agent.

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MEMPHIS, WHITE RIVER AND

LITTLE ROCK

PACKET COMPANY

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE

JOHN B. DAVIS, Supt., Memphis, Tennessee.

The splendid side-wheel

PASSENGER STEAMERS

MAYFLOWER, COMMERCIAL AND

LIBERTY No. 2.

Leave Memphis every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 p.m., for White River, connecting at Dard's Bend with the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad for Little Rock and New Springs. Time from Memphis to Little Rock, 48 hours.